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WITHIN THE WEEK

That our initial landings in Normandy were successful is gratifying, but hardly surprising. They were *planned* to succeed. The Germans knew that they could and would succeed. German strategy appears to be to give ground at the outset without too great a struggle. (As recently as Apr 20 a high German officer admitted to a source which cannot be identified at the moment that Nazis were prepared to permit our penetration to the Oise).

There is little mystery in the fact that our forces failed to meet powerful immediate enemy resistance. The Nazis cannot be certain (nor for that matter can we here at home) that this is it. The landings in Normandy may prove only one of those numerous feints of which Churchill and other leaders have spoken. Other and perhaps more substantial operations may be (and almost certainly are) planned for other sectors.

A primary Allied objective will be to keep Nazi troops nailed down in their respective locations; to prevent, if possible, great concentrations of enemy strength. That has been the reason for our systematic bombing of European transportation centers. To one familiar with the European transportation picture, it has been fascinating to observe, in recent wks,

our bombers concentrating on one key point after another.

UNDERGROUND: Comparatively few realize the potential power presently to be released in the Occupied Countries. Organized underground personnel was recently estimated at 12 million. Of the various groups, the French have the best organization. This may well have been one reason for our selection of the French coast as an initial point of attack. French underground has arms and ammunition (some stolen from the enemy, but the greater portion provided thru the Allies and delivered by stealth over a period of many months). Underground leaders in France have their instructions; are already at work. They will render many services which, by their very nature, cannot be heralded.

ITALY: We still anticipate much hard, bloody fighting.

RUSSIA: In Romania, in Hungary and in Poland, the Red Army will make history and headlines as it forges a Russian roadway to the Reich.

WAR'S END: We now anticipate the end of the European phase of the war within this calendar yr. Conditions are shaping which *might* end hostilities much earlier.



SHIFTING SANDS

Invasion *should* be a signal to speed postwar planning. As we have said several times before, reconversion program hinges on invasion success. But in Washington this wk there is no substantial evidence of improved relations between military leaders and WPB. Brewster case is graphic example of what may be expected. Fact is, Navy didn't notify WPB of Brewster cancellation until May 15. Stay-in strike was inevitable result of this bungling. Sets pattern for more demonstrations, possibly serious labor troubles in connection with future contract cancellations unless Office of War Mobilization can and will discipline procurement divisions, forcing them to give adequate notice of intent to cancel. . . It has now been a yr since steel industry went on 48-hr wk. Results are better than steelmen predicted. Production is up, with fewer employees. Absenteeism hasn't increased, nor has "fatigue" been the consequential factor that many feared.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"Everything is proceeding according to plan—and what a plan!"—WINSTON CHURCHILL, commenting on the invasion.

"Do not listen to outside voices calling on you not to listen to our decrees."—Marshal PETAIN, in a broadcast calling upon the people of France to remain subservient to German masters.

"My fear is not that we shall fail to win the war physically, or survive it financially, but that we may fail to win it spiritually."—BRUCE BARTON, author and adv exec, opening 5th War Loan drive.

"Italians! Do not morally surrender to the invader. . . Our will is not broken. We shall continue to fight and work at the side of the tripartite powers and especially Germany."—BENITO MUSSOLINI, in a statement issued shortly after fall of Rome.

"We ought to put up signs, or something—it isn't easy to tell Russia from the air."—Lt GEO MYERS, of Flora, Ill. Landing at a U S air base in Soviet Union, he told of having made an earlier landing in Romania, thru error. He managed to get away, pursued by six Messerschmitts.

"On my honor, the invasion will take place before June 15."—Maj-Gen'l HENRY J F MILLER, confiding to a cocktail group in London. (For this indiscretion, he was reduced to his permanent rank of Lt-Col and ret'd to U S.)

"I examined with great care the so-called Atlantic wall. It constitutes the biggest bluff of the whole war, for it simply does not exist. Some prisoners told me the Germans had been frantically trying to complete defenses, but the task had been too vast for them. . . All of the French people with whom I talked spoke of the Nazi loss of courage. They may not be beaten, but they are near to it."—RICHARD D McMILLAN, representing combined Allied press, with invading forces.

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YOU ON THAT?"

"Too many critics seem more intent on throttling Congress than improving it."—Rep JERRY VOORHIS, of Calif, in *American Mercury*.

"Soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Allied expeditionary force: You are about to embark on a great crusade. The eyes of the world are upon you and hopes and prayers of all liberty-loving peoples go with you.

"In company with our brave Allies and brothers in arms on other fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

"Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well-trained, well-equipped and battle-hardened. . .

"I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory. Good luck, and let us beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking." — Gen'l DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, issuing an order of the day to his invasion troops.

"The completely normal man is just an ideal. All of us have tendencies which might result in mental or nervous disturbances if we were forced to live a type of life for which we were not fitted."—Dr RUDOLPH G NOVICK, medical director, Ill Society for Mental Hygiene, pleading with public not to consider servicemen discharged for mental disabilities as "pernicious, dangerous men."

"I don't think any better of a 4th term than I did of a 3rd."—JAS A FARLEY.

"We're going to adopt two more just as soon as we get this one tied down."—Naval Lt BUDDY ROGERS announcing that he and his wife, MARY PICKFORD, have adopted their 2nd child, a 2-yr-old girl.

"I doubt if the 14th (German) army is any longer capable of fighting."—Lt-Gen MARK W CLARK, in a speech to his corps commanders, as quoted by Naples radio.

"I just can't seem to sleep nights." Cap't DON S GENTILE, ace fighter pilot, now on furlough, yearning for "quietness" of combat after a hard wk of welcoming at home.

"The real winner of the invasion will be Bolshevism."—*Voelkischer Beobachter*, Hitler's newspaper, in an amazingly frank forecast which would appear to concede German defeat. (As reported by a U S monitor station.)

"The London newspapers are putting out no (invasion) extras because of the paper shortage. London has waited 4 yrs, a newsman told me, '4 hrs more won't matter much'."—TED MALONE, NBC commentator, broadcasting from London.

"The Germans may be trying to build up a reputation for accuracy during the early period of the invasion so that they can put one over later."—ELMER DAVIS, chief, OWI, emphasizing point that only bulletins issued by Allied hdqtrs can be relied upon.

"At this moment, there are weapons and equipment in use on the invasion front that the public has never seen or even heard of."—DONALD M NELSON, chairman, WPB in a statement calling for a supreme effort by war workers to coincide with the invasion.

"There's one thing you have to say about us realists: we know an opportunity when we've missed it."
—SAM'L GRAFTON, columnist.

"I have great faith in this country coming back to real prosperity if industry is given a chance to go ahead as it did in previous yrs."—R E OLDS, auto inventor, celebrating his 80th birthday June 4th.

"Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our republic, our religion and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

"Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness to their faith. . .

"Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom.

"And for us at home . . . help us, Almighty God to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice. . . And, O Lord, give us faith. Give us faith in Thee; faith in our sons; faith in each other; faith in our united crusade. . .

"With Thy blessing we shall prevail. . . Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen."—FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, President of the United States, broadcasting a prayer in which he asked fellow Americans to join.

"Do you have a baby? Fine! Then you can have the room."—MISS HAZEL MOORE, of Denver, Colo, who has adopted the practice of renting her spare rooms only to wives of servicemen who have young children.

"If I know at the time how many Krauts there is in the cave, I will still be running!"—FRANKIE BUONICORE, former N Y taxicab driver, now on the Italian front. He fired into a nest of Nazis, and much to his surprise, flushed a covey of 51 prisoners.

Nostalgic note from the classified col's of *St James (Minn) Courier*: "For Sale: '39 Chev coach with radio, heater and good times."

"I was just out looking at a batch of Jap bodies all shot up. I had lunch right after that, and I never enjoyed a meal better in my life."—A Jap-hating Col, stationed at Myitkyina, as reported by JOHN GRAHAM DOWLING, *Chicago Sun Foreign Service*.

"It would be a travesty on the art, and on our own reputations. We would look like a couple of coal heavers. I wouldn't do it for a million dollars."—GENE TUNNEY, replying to a reporter who asked if he would meet JACK DEMPSEY in a benefit exhibition at Madison Sq Garden.

"So long as the war lasts, if another strike occurs in this plant, the Army-Navy "E" flag, with its white star, will be taken down from its staff and ret'd to the Undersec'y of War, from whom it came, with abject apologies."—J PENFIELD SEIBERLING, pres, Seiberling Rubber Co, Akron, O, in a letter to employees.

"We can say of the Pacific generally that if the Jap's back is not broken, his spine is severely bent." Adm Wm F HALSEY, Jr, speaking at a press conference in New Zealand in which he said that the Japs had lost "so many ships I cannot count them."

"I get down on my knees every night and thank God that I was able to escape to this land where the hand of the Gestapo can never be felt."—STANLEY POSTERNIK, who escaped from a Nazi prison in '39. Now living at New Lexington, O, he is continually amazed that Americans take their blessings for granted.

"Of approx 90 million adults in the U S, 27 million don't know the Japs have taken the Philippines."—HADLEY CANTRIL, director Princeton U Office of Public Opinion Research.

"The U S fleet in the Pacific is carrying on a permanent offensive against the Japanese."—Navy Sec'y FORRESTAL.

"Whoever dares raise a hand against Rome will be guilty of matricide."—POPE PIUS XII, addressing the College of Cardinals, on the eve of Allied occupation.

"Stay at home; plant your Victory gardens; learn to know your neighborhood—and buy War Bonds, saving for that day when travel will be at its best."—Office of Defense Transportation, counseling vacationers.

"The others were only following you; I'll be easier on them."—Judge JOHN L DRAPER, Nashville, Tenn, fining the leader of a convoy of 8 trucks \$10 and costs for speeding. The other seven were dismissed with a lecture.

"See a good beautician, get yourself styled, and make an effort to look like something."—DONNA DAX, Hollywood dance director, deploring careless appearance and indifferent apparel of girls who "want to get into the movies."



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COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

Historical Parable
WESTBROOK PEGLER

(In the following parable, WESTBROOK PEGLER describes what might have been the result of a British collapse after the fall of France.)

After France fell, Hitler moved quickly against Britain, and in a few wks conquered the weakly-held, disorganized country. Oswald Mosley and friends were put in power.

There was great resentment among British against the U. S. Canadians, too, were bitter. So, when Hitler turned to the West with British and French fleets added to his own, with Japan threatening the Pacific and Latin-America hospitable to the winner, the invasion of U S soon followed.

On his eastern frontier, Hitler maintained his treaty with Stalin. The two dictators became warm friends. Communists here had hampered the rearmament program. We were caught unarmed and with only a few soldiers trained with broomsticks. The American people struggled feebly, heroically, but soon were helpless.

In Washington, a large bomb hit the White House; the nat'l gov't ceased to function. Fritz Kuhn became chief of state. All Negroes were declared sub-human, and Jews, including Communists, rec'd the treatment accorded Jews in Poland. . . .

Meanwhile, in China, an American gen'l who had escaped was thundering that every American official who had collaborated with the Nazis to feed and clothe the people was a traitor; every private citizen who submitted to force, a Quisling.—Abridged from Mr. Pegler's syndicated col.

ACTION—In Emergency

A remarkable and little-known heroine of the Civil War was Mother Bickerdyke. One bitter night in '63, on her own authority, she ordered an old Breastworks factory torn down for firewood, so that 1500 wounded men could be kept from freezing.

Morning brought the Major, much annoyed by her unauthorized demolition of the bldg—a clear breach of military discipline. "Madam," he said, "consider yourself under arrest."

"All right, Major, I'm arrested," replied Mother Bickerdyke, continuing her rounds of mercy, "only don't meddle with me until the weather moderates." And he didn't! —MARJORIE BARSTON GREENBIE, *Lincoln's Daughters of Mercy*, (Putnam).

AMBITION

Parents who have a fixed idea on what they want their children to be when they grow up almost always run into trouble.

One mother spent yrs scrubbing floors so she could send her daughter to dramatic school to become an actress. But the girl never showed the faintest interest or talent. Finally, when she was 17, she announced that she wanted to be a maid and is now very happy—scrubbing floors!—*Parade*.

AMERICA—Assets

The am't of spendable money and bonds in private hands today totals more than \$200 billions—practically the same am't as the Gov't has spent on the war.—PAUL MALLON, Washington columnist, deprecating talk of postwar unemployment.

AMERICA—in Action

Americans. . . would rather be doing something even if it is the wrong thing to do at the time. They would rather build something in the wrong place, at great trouble, and then have to tear it down, once more at great trouble, than not to build at all. . . .

They want to act and do. . . It is only when nothing gets done that they are really miserable. That is what really depressed them about the last Depression. For the 1st

time in American history, nothing seemed to be going ahead.—STEPHEN VINCENT BENET, *America*, (Farrar & Rinehart).

BOOKS

The WMC's nonessential list has two entries under the letter "L"—lavatory attendants and literary agents.—CLIP BOUTELL, *Chicago Sun*.

CORRESPONDENCE—Servicemen

A young wife recently expressed in this succinct way the profound change that has come over our absent servicemen: "I write Jack all the important things that happen around the house. He now wants to hear about all the little things he used to hide behind his newspaper to avoid."

Tangled Web

In Hollywood, an insurance man was writing a policy for Harriet Hilliard on the set.

"How old are you," he asked.

"Just a minute until I call my mother," Harriett laughed. "Being in show business, I've lied so often I can't remember."—JIMMIE FIDLER, *Hollywood col.*

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An acquaintance is reported taking a memory course. He was doing so much forgetting that it balled up his lying.—*Oral Hygiene*.

If you have a son in the service who is careless about correspondence, drop him a line and add a P S: "Enclosed find \$5."—but "forget" to enclose the money. I think you will get a letter from him shortly after that!—Suggested by HUGH A GALT.

EDUCATION—Youth

We can never give the time of youth back to youngsters if they lose school now. We are going into a new kind of life. Competition will be great; education, talent, ability will be necessary. Even those working at trades will have higher education. Education is necessary for the full enjoyment of leisure time that is coming in the better days ahead.—Mayor LA GUARDIA, of N Y City.

EXPLOITATION

It may become apparent during the next decade that the mining corp'n or the oil company that is exploiting the mineral resources of an area inhabited by backward peoples is sinning against the peace of all the people as seriously as those who adulterate our food.—Editorial, *Christian Advocate*.

EXTRAVAGANCE

A fast-stepper often finds it hard to keep up with running expenses.—*N Y World-Telegram*.

GOD—Dependence Upon

"If you need any help, depend upon God in His infinite wisdom, and not upon the radio commentators or the newspaper columnists."—ROY O ROBERTS, of *Kansas City Star*, third of three admonitions given to Admiral Ernest King and General George C. Marshall, top war leaders, at a recent convention of Am Soc of Newspaper Editors of which he is pres.

HISTORY

In our histories, too much attention is given to romance, pageantry, names; too little to the upward march of the common people.

Romance and pageantry we must have. . . but if history is to have body and meaning, along with the streaming banners, we must record the struggles and sorrows, the courage and faith of the mass of mankind.—Editorial, *Ottawa (Can) Jnl*

INVASION—Liberation

Only the unimaginative can think now in terms of invasion. It is a word of the head. But this invasion is something in particular. Nothing like it, in scope or purpose, has been attempted in recorded history. . .

Call this an invasion when our backs are turned to a dying world and we are fronting a world seeking to be born? It is liberation. That is a word of the heart. Let us then call this invasion the Liberation.—Editorial, *Washington Post*.

(Pres ROOSEVELT this wk gave D: DOUGLAS S FREEMAN, editor *Richmond (Va) News Leader* public credit for 1st suggesting the term "liberation" to replace "invasion.")

Truth to Tell . . .

Truth must necessarily be stranger than fiction; for fiction is the creation of the human mind and therefore congenial to it.—CHESTERTON.

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Truth is stranger than Fiction but it is because Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities: Truth isn't.—MARK TWAIN.

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But men do not seek the truth. It is the truth that pursues men who run away and will not look around.—LINCOLN STEFFENS.

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It is to him who masters our minds by the force of truth and not to those who enslave them by violence, that we owe our reverence.—VOLTAIRE.—Compiled by *Reader's Scope*.

LANGUAGE—Pronunciation

The pompous president of a mid-western bank was making a speech to his directors—one of his usual show-off talks. He used a French phrase, and stumbled a bit as he noted the cold eye of Col Leonard Ayres, the statistical expert.

He paused, beamed just a little, and said, "That's the way the word is pronounced, isn't it, Col. Ayres?"

The Col leaned back in his chair and replied: "Yes—frequently."—*Your Life*.

MARRIED LIFE

The fellow who boasts that he runs things in his home probably means the washing machine, vacuum cleaner, baby carriage and errands.

MORALE—Sustained

In the darkness of a N Y theatre, a young girl in the uniform of a Polish *Prestka* began to sob quietly when the tenor star sang a Polish folk song.

A portly man seated next to her leaned over and said consolingly:

"Don't be discouraged. I expect Poland to be free again."

Later, as she was leaving, the white-haired man shook her hand, said, "Keep your chin up!"

The Polish girl asked his name. "It's Herbert Hoover," he said.



**CONFIDENTIALLY
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MEGAPHONE**

There are some tentative indications that the postwar scramble for automotive mkts may not be quite as hectic as we thought yr ago. At least two of the old-line Detroit plants are reported as deciding not to make cars again. Among the rumored invaders, only one is making definite plans. Henry Kaiser has apparently abandoned his plans for the automotive field. However with new lighter metals, improved motors and better fuel, it seems inevitable that someone, in the early postwar period, will produce an economical, comfortable little car for personal transportation. The Austin Bantam and the Crosley were aimed at this mkt, but neither quite attained the objective. . . WPB has already permitted Packard to recon-vert portion of facilities for replacement parts, to keep essential civilian vehicles operating. . . Auto industry has a reconversion program which it will present to WPB next month. Minimums will be set high enough to permit mass-production economy in all plants. . . Barring invasion disaster, you can expect gasoline B-mileage to be standardized thruout country at around 475 miles per month, within 30 days.

Those magazine covers featuring \$100 U S War Bond are result of co-operative action by Nat'l Publishers Ass'n, at request of Treasury Dep't, to tie in with 5th War Loan drive.

Facing famine of moth-proofing bags, cleaning establishments counsel patrons to wrap clothing in old newspapers—moths dislike smell of ink.

Christmas shopping for men overseas will get earlier start this yr, beginning about Sept 15.



ARMY—Propaganda: Now, literally, U S troops on Italian front are bombarding enemy with propaganda. Smoke cannisters are removed from interior of 105-mm base-ejection smoke shells; time fuse with small charge of black powder replaces the point detonating fuse. About 300 news sheets are rolled up, inserted in shell cavity. Fuses timed to go off when shell is in air over enemy lines. Powder charge pushes leaflets out of back of the shell and they flutter down. Leaflets contain late reports on progress of war in other sectors.

MEDICINE: War dep't announces new oil used on barracks floors, bed linens, blankets, etc, snares bacteria, holds them so tightly they cannot be pulled out with suction pumps. Oil is not sticky, is odorless, economical. Treatment costs 2¢ a blanket, lasts months.

Newly patented treatment tent is tent-within-a-tent. For sun baths heat treatments, etc. Inner tent has row of sockets for ray-emitting globes. Inside walls treated to reflect light.

Commenting hopefully on new sodium salts technique to replace blood plasma in treating wounded and burned, Surgeon Gen'l Parran told a House committee this wk that new method if successful will be great boon since materials are easier to obtain, as well as easier to administer.

SPORTS: Traditional "squared ring" of boxing world may be thing of past if new circular ring introduced at recent Army bout in Calif, is generally adopted. Circular ring was made of pipe covered by sponge rubber. Offers no chance of "cornering" opponent. First used in contest between Chief Specialist Fred Apostoli, former middleweight champ, and Vic Grupico.

OCCUPIED COUNTRIES— Resistance

According to this story, from Prague, the war had lasted so long that all the Czechs were shot down. The last remaining Czech patriots were promenading on the Vaclavske Namesti when mbrs of the Gestapo arrested them. They were taken to the people's court and sentenced to death by hanging.

Upon hearing the sentence one of the Czechs said to his comrade:

"What did I tell you just now on the Vaclavske Namesti? The Germans are doomed! They are thru! Can't you see they don't even have any bullets anymore?"—*Nase Noviny*. Czechoslovakian army newspaper, in London.

ORIGINS

The origin of the phrase "Mind your Ps and Qs," is not generally known. In oldtime alehouses, where chalk scores were marked upon the wall or behind the door of the taproom, it was customary to put these initials at the head of each man's account to show the number of pints and quarts for which he was in arrears.—*Liberty*.

PHILOSOPHY—Servicemen

"This stinking life in the line has has done one good thing for me," a jeep-driving sergeant admitted. "I've learned to get a kick out of every single minute I'm alive; while its happening, too. I used to never know I'd been having a good time until it was all over. Now I know while it's going on."—*KENNETH I. DIXON*, with AEF on Italian Front.

POLITICS—Objectives

Why must political discussions be so emotional?

The illumination industry has long had as one of its goals the production of light without heat. That should be a goal of each citizen in contribution to our political life.—*WILLARD A THORP*, Editorial, *Dun's Review*.

POSTWAR—Protection

You might sum up by saying that we must have umpires, and that it will not be the kind of world God wants unless we have God-guided Christ-driven men doing the umpir-

ing. If we cannot get that, we may as well start training now for World War III.—*BRANCH RICKEY*, "It All Depends on the Umpire!" *Christian Herald*, 6-44.

RELIGION—and Science

The scientific spirit and the religious spirit both have their parts to play. If religion will but abandon its claim to fixity and certitude, then it can see in the pursuit of truth, something essentially sacred, and science itself will come to have its religious aspects.—*JULIAN HUXLEY*, Prof of Zoology, King's College, London, quoted in *Education*.

RELIGION—Defined

Some people's religion consists mainly of the firm belief that the Lord will provide.—*Grit*.

RELIGION—Positive

Pews are not filled by uncertainties. "Perhaps" never moved a soul to repentance. "Maybe" never warmed a handclasp at the door.—*Editorial*, *Expositor*, 5-44.

RETRIBUTION

Now that life is quieter on Guadalcanal, there is time for thought about war aims. A number of men told me with deep conviction they are fighting to make sure that, when peace comes, the Japanese get Guadalcanal and are made to live on it.—*IRA WOLFERT* in *American Mercury*.

TIME—Concept of

In a world full of precise knowledge, no one has any arbitrary concept of time at all. An hr at the circus and an hr waiting outside the door of an operating room at a hospital are not the same thing. The 4 yrs between 16 and 20 and the 4 yrs between 58 and 62 bear no resemblance. Why even so little a piece of time as 3 min depends for its meaning on whether you are on the long-distance telephone talking to your best friend, or boiling an egg, or in a boxing ring with Joe Louis.—*LLOYD C DOUGLAS*, "We're Getting Along," *Rotarian*, 6-44.

WAR—Disillusionment

War knocks the "L" out of glory.

How D Day Came to Sicily

JOHN GUNTHER, who has taken us "inside" Europe, Asia and Latin America gives us, in his latest book, *D-Day* (Harper, \$3.) an inside view of last yr's invasion of Sicily and the men who made the move possible and brought it to successful fruition. Of particular and timely interest are the numerous and revealing glimpses of Gen'l Dwight D Eisenhower, who currently is presiding over larger and more richly-freighted argosies.

Eisenhower has enormous respect and admiration for Gen'l Marshall. On the night before D Day—he is a plainsman and westerner and he knows weather—he realized that the sudden wind had reached 40 mi per hr or more, which might be ruinous to some phases of the operation. When he ret'd to headquarters in Malta he found a message from Marshall in Washington. It read: "Is it (meaning the operation) on or off and what do you think?" Marshall asked for an answer within four hrs. Eisenhower had 15 min wherein to reply. He ans'd, "It's on. There's a high wind, but I think we're going to have good news for you tomorrow."

D-Day

Malta, Sat, July 10: This has been a fine and strenuous day. No wonder, since it is D Day at last. We saw the airborne stuff go over last night, but the actual amphibious landings did not take place till dawn this morning.

Breakfast full of rumors; no actual news until about 10 a. m. Montgomery's landings have apparently been successful, but there's no authentic word about Patton yet. A signal officer who had been in the Operations room all night gave us a quick, blurred, excited acc't of having overheard pilots talk to one another, orders to the Navy to blow hell out of an objective known as P for Peter, and German aviators ducking for cover when they saw our Spitfires. So far as we know, there is no sign of German counter-attack.

"Just like Georgie Patton not to let us know a darned thing," one officer complained.

I wrote a brief story couched only in gen'l terms to the effect that battle for Europe had begun, that American troops were assaulting the continent for the 1st time, and

that a new front had at last been opened.

At about ten Butcher gave us stuff for a 2nd story, a feature on how Eisenhower spent last night. The generalissimo went out to a point on the beach and waited in the moonlight. He fingered some lucky coins he always carries—one silver dollar, one five-guinea piece, and one French franc—and murmured Godspeed as the planes whipped over. Once they were overheard nothing more could be done. The stakes of this operation are so stupendous—the liberation of Europe and the winning of the war—that one fairly shudders at the notion that something might go wrong. Eisenhower's emotion must have been an amalgam of worry and confidence, of almost unendurable curiosity and intense yearning that all would be well. The worst moments are those after you know your troops have landed but before you get definite information as to what has happened.

The Human Touch

At four we crossed into the tunnel and had another talk with Eisenhower. He seemed very pleased. "By golly," he kept muttering, "I don't understand it! By golly, to think we've done it again!" Because by this time it was apparent that our landings have taken the enemy completely unawares; we have achieved not merely strategic but tactical surprise. The gen'l rocked back on his wicker chair, his heels caught in the lower rung. He grinned from cheek to cheek, and told us something strictly off the record. His grin was more disarming than ever: "Every once in a while I like to tell you fellows something like this, because you might hear it from somebody else, and if I tell you, it shuts you up."



GEMS FROM

Yesteryear

On Jargon

Sir ARTHUR QUILLER-COUCH

Sir Arthur died last month at his English country home, in his 80th yr. He was a scholar and a gentleman. We use both terms in the exact sense in which "Q" himself would have applied them. Few men of our time have had so great a love for, and so precise a knowledge of the English language. From one of his lectures, *On The Art of Writing*, we abridge this sound counsel:

To write jargon is to be perpetually shuffling around in the fog and cotton-wool of abstract terms; to be for ever hearkening, like Ibsen's Peer Gynt, to the voice of the Boyg exhorting you to circumvent the difficulty, to beat the air because it is easier than to flesh your sword in the thing.

The touchstone of masculine style is its use of the active verb and the concrete noun. When you write, "They gave him a silver teapot," you write as a man. When you write, "He was made the recipient of a silver teapot," you write jargon.

I ask you to note how carefully the Parables—those exquisite short stories—speak only of "things which you can touch and see"—"A sower went forth to sow," "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took,"—and not the Parables only, but almost every verse of the Gospel. . .

If your language be jargon your intellect, if not your whole character, will almost certainly correspond. Where your mind should go straight, it will dodge. For style is the man, and where a man's treasure is there his heart, and his brain, and his writing, will be also.

An acquaintance of ours recently went to work for a large corporation. With his first salary check he observed a deduction with the notation, "FIT." Returning to the paymaster he sought an explanation. "I don't recall," said our friend with a somewhat heavy effort at humor, "having had a fit."

"Oh, yes," said the paymaster earnestly. "Everybody has fits every pay day. FIT is for Federal Income Tax!"

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A young mother who prides herself on keeping tuned to the times was preparing to take her 10-year-old son to the movies. The son watched dubiously as she prepared her coiffure in accord with a new mode. Finally he asked: "Mother, your aren't going to wear your hair that way are you?"

The mother replied that such was her intention, adding that she thought it made her look sophisticated.

"Well," said the 10-yr-old resignedly, "I don't know what that word means, but I would rather you would look human."

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The young Gov't girl at the next table was talking about that amazing atavism of this war—the bearded American sailor, in some cases scarcely out of his teens.

"We were at this place," she was telling her escort, "when three of them—no older than I am—came in, all of them with full beards."

"Probably back from overseas service," he opined. "Were they wearing ribbons?"

"Oh no," she ans'd. "They just let them flow loose."—*Capper's Wkly.*

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An imperious-looking lady swept into a Madison Ave branch bank the other morning. She was well dressed and assured and she glanced about her with such a commanding air that the mgr himself came out to take care of her. "Is there anything I can do for you, Madam?" he inquired. "Yes," she said, fishing an envelope and a slip of paper from an alligator handbag. "Sign here, please. Western Union."—*New Yorker.*

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

LAUGHS WITH LEGISLATORS

KENNETH S WHERRY
Senator from Nebraska

This happened when we had a Republican Caravan traveling over Neb in the '42 elections:

Bill Johnson, our candidate for Att'y Gen'l, never lost an opportunity to make votes. At each town he would tear around getting acquainted and distributing campaign cards.

On one occasion, he walked into a back yard where a girl was milking a cow. He introduced himself; explained that he was campaigning for the office of Att'y Gen'l.

Just then the mother stuck her head out the back door and called, "Mary, who is that feller you're talking to?" Mary explained that the visitor was a politician named Bill Johnson.

"You come right in the house," commanded the mother, with great concern in her voice. And as an after thought, she added: "and if that feller is a politician, bring the cow along!"

A sailor boy ran dashing down the dock to a boat that was just pulling out. The boat had moved a few yards, and the sailor jumped, and fell, and hit the back of his head in falling. For several minutes he lay stunned. Upon awakening he looked back, blinked a time or two, and seeing that the boat was about a hundred yards from shore, he shouted, "Boy, oh boy! Can I broad-jump!"

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"I see Ellen's marrying a 2nd Lieutenant."

"Yeah; the 1st one got away."

A fellow reported to his draft board, and this conversation ensued:

Draft Clerk: Married?

Draftee: Yes, sir.

D. C.: Any dependents?

D.: No, sir.

D. C.: Well, you have a wife, haven't you?

D.: Yes, but she ain't dependable.—DALE HARRISON, *Chicago Sun.*



OF THE WEEK

Research has shown there's room enough in a woman's handbag for a boilermaker's kit, complete, and bus fare. The bus fare will be found at the bottom. — *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.*

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Face powder may catch a man, but it takes baking powder to hold him. — *Rotalight, Marietta (Ga) Rotary Club.*

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Among discoveries is a process for treating cloth that will make a man's suit wear twice as long. Marriage does that.—*Sen SOAPER.*

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The rumor that Germany and Japan have combined their fleets no doubt arose from the fact that Hitler and Tojo are in the same leaky boat.—*Louisville Courier-Jnl.*

